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(SBU) Emboffs raised reftel points with Deputy Finance Minister Sergey Storchak and Special Envoy to Iraq Sergey Kirpichenko. Storchak reported that Russia's bilateral agreement with Iraq was close to completion but offered no details regarding what issues remained pending. Kirpichenko told Econoff he expected the agreement to be signed soon but was not familiar with the technical aspects of the discussions. Storchak and Kirpichenko expressed confidence that the matter would be resolved before the planned signing of the International Compact for Iraq in mid-December.  
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